

# Gurnard Primary School

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*Inspire, Achieve, Celebrate*

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

We are pleased to provide the opportunity for the children in Year 4 to take part in a swimming and beach safety awareness session called Swim Safe which is run by Swim England and the RNLI. The session will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at Sandown Beach. During the group workshops, the children will learn how to keep safe when swimming outdoors and know what to do if they get into trouble. The programme is aimed at children that are already able to swim 25 metres unaided. However we have also arranged an additional session for those children that are less confident or currently unable to swim 25 metres. This session will be based on the shore and in shallow water. All sessions will be led by qualified teachers and open water lifeguards. The children will also receive some Swim Safe items to take away after the session.

During the time we are there we also plan to make beach art, play games on the beach and have a picnic lunch. The children can wear their own clothes for this visit. They should bring a swimming costume (preferably already on under clothes), a towel and a sun hat. They should have sun tan lotion already applied and also bring sun tan lotion to re-apply during the day and after they have been in the water. All children will be provided with a full length wetsuit, a latex swim hat and a fluorescent rash vest to wear in the water. The venue has been risk assessed and all staff are appropriately DBS checked and qualified. There is no charge for taking part in the activity but we would appreciate a donation of £3.00 to cover the cost of transport. We will be travelling to and from Sandown by coach and will leave and return within the school day. Your child will need to bring a packed lunch with plenty to drink. Could you please return the completed slip below along with the attached Swim Safe consent form by next Tuesday. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

kind regards

Mr Lines and Mrs Squibb  
Year 4 Class Teachers

## Year 4 Swim Safe Workshops

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

- I give permission for my child to take part in the Swim Safe workshops on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018.
- My child can swim 25m / My child cannot swim 25m or is not confident in the water (please delete).
- I will pay a contribution of £3 using the online payment system.
- I enclose a contribution of £3.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/carer)





## Swim Safe schools programme Consent Form

Swim England, the national governing body for swimming in England, and the RNLI, the charity that saves lives at sea, are continuing to work together for the sixth time this summer on Swim Safe, a swimming and beach/lake safety awareness initiative for children.

Each session is **FREE** to access and includes in-water safety tuition with trained, qualified teachers and open water lifeguards.

All children will be provided with a full length wetsuit, a latex\* swim hat and a fluorescent rash vest to wear in the water.

The venue has been risked assessed and all staff are appropriately DBS checked and qualified.

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**Child's name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's swimming ability:** (please delete as appropriate) – My child can / cannot swim 25m.

**Child's medical conditions, allergies (such as to \*latex) or additional requirements:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

By signing the below you as a parent / guardian are agreeing to the following:

1. You have accurately detailed your child's swimming ability;
2. Your child will be taking part in a session that lasts approximately 45 minutes plus changing time. The session will include both in and out of water safety messaging;
3. You accept that due to changes in the weather or water conditions, the session may be cancelled at any time and the site will endeavour to inform the school of this situation as soon as possible on the day and re-arrange where possible.

Swim England and the RNLI may take photographs and record sessions in which your child participates. Images may be displayed on the RNLI and Swim England website, and used for purposes of education and training and promotion of future campaigns. We will follow good practice on photography as contained in Wavepower, (Swim England's child safeguarding policy and procedures; <http://www.swimming.org/asa/library/document/wavepower-2009-11-section-2> pages 84-85).

If you do not wish for your child to be photographed please tick the box

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian (please select)

Parent / Guardian (PRINT NAME) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

